

ITALIAN RESERVISTS ANSWER LAST CALL BY CONSULATE HERE



A throng of men reported to the Italian Consul, at 717 Spruce street, today in response to a warning that hereafter reservists who fail to register will be regarded as deserters.

ITALIAN RESERVISTS RUSH TO REGISTER FOR ARMY

Swarm to Local Consulate to Avoid Being Called Deserters. The peaceful atmosphere of 7th and Spruce streets was permeated today with a martial note of preparation. Hundreds of Italians got the impression that this was the last day to register as reservists at the Italian consulate.

TORREON FALLS; OBREGON TAKES BIG VILLA BASE

Carranza Victory Expected to Be Followed by Demand for Recognition by Powers. VILLA GARRISONS REVOLT. Troops in Three Important Mining and Lumber Towns Desert to "First Chief"

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 18.—Torreón, General Villa's chief fortified base, was captured Tuesday by Carranzista forces under General Alvaro Obregon, according to official advices received here today by Carranza agents. The message stated that a large column of Carranza troops marched against Torreón after capturing Durango, and joined forces with the bulk of Obregon's army, which was encamped within 15 miles of Torreón.

BRITISH CABINET CONVENES TO PUT BAN ON COTTON

Asquith and Colleagues Meet to Draft Contraband Proclamation Today

TO COMPENSATE LOSERS

Declaration of Ministers Will Include Plan to Reimburse American Growers

LONDON, Aug. 18. Premier Asquith and his ministers met today to draft a proclamation declaring all cotton absolute contraband.

When the Cabinet met it was understood that the proclamation would soon be issued, but that it would be accompanied by an announcement of measures aimed to prevent American cotton interests suffering severe losses.

The British press is virtually unanimous in its demands that cotton be declared contraband, and it is also anticipated that the step be taken in such a manner that American sympathies for the Allies shall not be lessened.

We attach a high value to unofficial America's unmistakable sympathy for us in this war; that sympathy has been a moral asset of inestimable worth to our cause; nothing must be done to estrange it.

Discussing the measures to be taken to protect the American interest, the Chronicle says further: "It is also anticipated that the step be taken in such a manner that American sympathies for the Allies shall not be lessened."

The Times says that the declaring of cotton contraband is inevitable and at the same time admits that the government for not having taken such action before, asserting that it is hard to explain why the Cabinet permitted cotton to pass freely into Germany during the first 7 1/2 months of the war.

The Evening Standard expresses the opinion that the inclusion of cotton among contraband articles will clarify international law.

"It is just because we have taken a year to make up our mind," says the Standard. "American claims for interruption of her export trade are eminently reasonable and no doubt will be met. Our indebtedness to America will be increased, and an issue in America of British Government bonds would supply marketable securities."

The Westminster Gazette says: "When both sides are willing and anxious to tide over the difficulty of American exchange we have no doubt the British Treasury will devise means to improve the present situation."

PRESIDENT READY TO ACT IN COTTON BAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18. The Administration hopes to solve the cotton situation so that it will not prove a rock on which its legislative program will go to pieces when Congress meets.

It was learned today that the real reason for the President's return from Clarish last week was the pressure that was being brought by Southern financial interests for action to safeguard the cotton growers and manufacturers before this year's crop was available for marketing. And the President, realizing that unless some thing was done that would afford relief much of the support he was depending on from his own party members would be withheld, has been trying to arrange a comprehensive program ever since he got back.

Today, on the eve of his order by the Allies transferring cotton to the contraband list, a tentative program has been completed which the Administration believes will prove effective. So far as arranged it provides:

First, that the Federal reserve board, through its member and affiliated banks, lend money on approved notes, secured by actual cotton deposits, to an extent of 50 per cent. of this year's crop, if that amount is needed.

Second, arrange through the Allied Powers for cotton shipments to be entirely controlled by them to expedite and that a quantity, the amount to be determined later, be permitted to pass through to neutral countries, without being diverted into British ports by warships.

BR-R, THIS AUGUST 18 COLDEST ON RECORD

City Awakes to Find Temperature Way Down and Thin Clothing Insufficient

Today is the coldest August 18th in the history of the Philadelphia Weather Bureau. It is just one degree colder than the same day in 1881. With the thermometer at the 35-degree mark Philadelphia awoke this morning to find that heavy clothing and woolen sweaters were an acceptable substitute for Palm Beach suits and flimsy shirtwaists.

An area of high pressure over the region of the Great Lakes is noted by the weather bureau for the relief from the former high humidity and sweltering temperatures. The high point was reached yesterday at 3 a. m. when the thermometer registered 80 degrees. A steady drop, which had been observed for two days, brought the temperature down to a minimum of 54 degrees at 9 o'clock this morning. In suburban sections thermometers registered as low as 48 degrees.

The cool weather is to remain for several days. The barometric reading today was 30.1; humidity, 51, with prevailing northwest winds of eight miles an hour.

The sudden drop today was more than welcome by the thousands who have suffered from the mosquitoes, which blew all over town from League Island. Entomologists believe that the cool weather will drive them back to their breeding places.

The clear sparkling morning proved a sedation to many persons who had suffered from the excessive humidity of the last two weeks. Scores took advantage of the day to make the seashore trip and return on the Pennsylvania Railroad from Camden to the sea were leaving the Camden terminal as early as 6:30. Thousands along the river front were crowded with excursionists for the river steamer.

However, for the latter part of the week an epidemic as the closing of the previous weather.

11:25 BEACH HAVEN—8:45. The morning session of the Sunday School of the Philadelphia Y. M. C. A. was held at 11:25 a. m. at the beach haven.

ALLIES GAIN 500 YARDS OF TURKISH TRENCHES

Sir Ian Hamilton Reports Progress at Suvla Bay—New Offensive Begun

LONDON, Aug. 18. Allied troops at the Dardanelles have resumed the offensive. An official report from Sir Ian Hamilton, the British commander on Gallipoli peninsula, received here today, announces the capture of Turkish trenches near Suvla Bay, and an advance of 500 yards.

This is the largest gain made by the Allies in several weeks. It is apparent that the British and French governments have ordered that the fighting on Gallipoli peninsula be forced.

The report of Sir Ian Hamilton follows: "In the southern zone the situation remained unchanged on August 17 and August 18. The Turks kept up their sniping and shelling without much effect. In the northern zone the right flank of the Australian-New Zealand army corps was heavily attacked on the night of the 16th to the 18th. All the attacks were repulsed."

"At Suvla the troops of our left flank made a short advance on the afternoon of the 16th with a view to straightening out the line. They moved forward under considerable gun and rifle fire and gained about 500 yards, capturing Turkish trenches and taking two officers and 29 other prisoners."

"The men who hanged Leo Frank the murderer of Mary Phagan, did not do it with a spirit of lawlessness nor vindictiveness. They felt it a duty—a duty to their State and Commonwealth, a duty to the memory of Mary Phagan, whom all Cobb County loved, and whose memory is cherished in every household in the hills you see over there to the west."

"Earlier lynching spoiled. They would have lynched him more than once, and some one has not got careless and permitted a lynching. Governor Harris was apprised of the plans and ordered the militia to be in readiness."

"That was the day when the county police were scouting in the edge of Fulton and Cobb Counties on the lookout for automobiles for Marietta."

"Governor Harris and the military authorities no doubt received widespread censure for this apparently unwise action, but if the truth were known it would be a relief to have received from the hands of the men who were about to go to Milledgeville for him."

"Plans made at time of pardon. Ever since the day Governor Clayton commuted the sentence of Frank, plans had been in formulation for this deed. Minute and definite arrangements were made, and there was not a missing thread from the fabric of the perfected scheme when the 25 men set out early Monday night on their journey to Milledgeville."

"The chosen 25 (although this wasn't the entire number available) were those whose worth was known, collectively and individually. I doubt that you would find anywhere a body of patriots more loyal, faithful, obedient and determined."

"Prominent Jews feel Georgia will do duty. Organizations will take no official action in Frank case."

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Prominent Jews and representatives of Jewish organizations expressed the belief today that the authorities of Georgia would do their full duty in punishing the men who lynched Leo M. Frank.

Dr. Cyrus Adler, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Committee, declared that not only Jews, but law-abiding citizens of the country owe a duty to Georgia.

"In the eyes of humanity the men who took the life of Frank stand branded as common murderers," declared Doctor Adler. "We look to the officials of the State to go their duty. Our officials will do nothing, so far as we can see, that is not for the best of the State."

Said Bert Grand master of the Order of B'nai B'rith, expressed strong hope that all who were concerned in the lynchings of Frank would be found out and punished.

"So far as our organization is concerned, we only can hope as a body and as individuals that justice be done," declared Mr. Levy.

"The Frank case is a matter for the consideration of the officials of the State of Georgia and not for us," said S. Kahn.

THE WAR A YEAR AGO

Belgians blow up one of the Liege forts. Big battle in progress near the Meuse. The Belgian government and royal family removed from Brussels to Antwerp.

Germanians evacuate portions of the Sella region in Alsace. Servians rout Austrians in Sabatz Mountains, the defeated army losing 15,000 men.

Russian invasion of Galicia checked. Austrian cavalry crosses Russian frontier. Louvain occupied. Berlin admitted that German forces had fallen back in Alsace-Lorraine.

President Wilson issues proclamation urging Americans to observe neutrality in word as well as in deed.

assistant secretary of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Jewish Organizations of New York state.

FRANK'S FATHER GETS LAST WORDS WRITTEN BY HIS SON

Letter Mailed Just Before Lynching Full of Hopefulness

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The last written message of Leo M. Frank before he met his death at the hands of a Georgia mob was received today by Frank's aged father, in Brooklyn. The letter, which was written only a few hours before Frank was dragged from the Milledgeville prison camp and lynched, breathed cheerfulness throughout.

"My wound is getting better every day," Frank wrote, "and soon I hope to have recovered completely. This, surely, cannot last much longer. Surely something will turn up to clear me and enable me to leave this terrible place."

Mrs. Rudolph Frank, mother of the slain man, is prostrated with grief. "His letter came to us like a voice from the dead," declared Frank's father. "It is a comfort, though, to know he was so hopeful and cheerful."

The funeral ceremonies will be conducted according to the Jewish rites and the burial will be in Cypress Hill Cemetery. Many extra police will be detailed to the vicinity of Frank's home on the day of the funeral, on account of the enormous crowds of morbidly curious expected to gather there.

GERMAN'S FOLLOW ALLIES' LEAD, PROPAGANDIST SAYS; NEVER VIOLATED U. S. LAWS

By LOWELL MELLETT NEW YORK, Aug. 18.

"Don't expect any official answer to the allegations now being printed. There is not to be any, for there is nothing to answer."

So declared today one of the purported chief conspirators of the alleged German conspiracy which, it is asserted, has been organized against the neutrality of the United States.

"Only one thing can keep that story alive," he said, "and that would be a reply by Ambassador von Bernstorff, or Doctor Albert, or the Chancellor himself. They won't answer it because it contains nothing that requires an answer."

Seeing the German Ambassador at the Ritz-Carlton seemed to confirm this German's view. He refused to discuss the conspiracy charges—would only smile and shake his head when the subject was suggested.

However, whether or not his authority in the matter is the same, the views of the alleged fellow conspirator certainly embody the same philosophy and are of interest.

NO DENIAL OF CHARGES. "There won't be any denial of the correctness of the copies of correspondence printed," he said. "The letters were stolen and they speak for themselves. But what do they show? They show that we've been doing only the same things that are being done in this country for the benefit of the other countries engaged in the war. We've scrupulously avoided overstepping the bounds and all the correspondence that may be stolen will fall to prove the contrary. Certainly we've wanted to win American public opinion, hopeless as the task might seem with all the news from Europe filtering through England."

"Suppose it were proved that we had bought supplies and hadn't used them but kept them in this country? Just what offense would that constitute? If it is argued that this is inconspicuous with our objections to the exporting of munitions, the answer is that Germany is earnest in her objections and gladly would forgo the privilege of obtaining such supplies here if any have been obtained."

ACTION LEGITIMATE. "We are aware of what is legitimate and what is not, and we have not gone beyond what is proper."

Germany generally declare they see no reason to believe that the present uproar is likely to interfere with the progress of diplomatic negotiations between Germany and the United States. In the latter regard they are chiefly interested, they say, in the forthcoming note from the United States to England because of its probable bearing on the German answer to the last Luitpold note.

The American note to Great Britain, said a man close to the inner German diplomatic circle today, means more than that; it means, he said, a decision in Germany as to whether the American note shall or shall not be answered.

WAIT ON NOTE TO ENGLAND. "The situation is such in Germany," he declared, "that Germany cannot make reply to the United States unless it is shown to the German people that this country intends to demand emphatically that England respect the rights of neutrals. Such an attitude understood by the German people—and it is not so understood now by any means—would make possible a conclusion of the Luitpold incident."

"Unless the last American note to Germany can be answered under such circumstances I do not believe it will be answered at all. No good can come of further exchange of acrimonious notes."

"I do not believe that the preparation of the German reply will be taken up until the note to England has been sent. If England gets the sort of note we think is due her, I am confident that President Wilson's hope of mediating between England and Germany to the good purpose of freeing the seas of unfair domination and unfair warfare will begin to be realized."

CRAMP HEAD DENIES YARDS SOLD TO KAISER

Continued from Page One. To the New York story, it was said that New York interests were the buyers, and that they intended to hold the stock as an investment.

NO ALLIES' ORDERS AT CRAMPS. The same source is authority for the statement that, since control of the shipbuilding company was obtained through the transfer of the 700 shares of stock, the Cramp Ship and Engine Building Company has refused to accept war orders from the Allies. It is said that the stock purchase was made following a five per cent interest, and were offered at 95c. It is said the notes were disposed of with some difficulty.

The German Imperial Treasury notes, on which the \$10,000,000 was raised by Chandler & Co., Inc., are to run only until January 1, 1916, a period of nine months from the time of their issue. They pay five per cent interest, and were offered at 95c. It is said the notes were disposed of with some difficulty.

Efforts to reach Henry S. Grove, president of the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company, and this morning were unavailable. At his home in Germantown it was said he had started for his office. There, it was said, he was due in the Farmers' Market, Ridge and Girard avenues, and gone to his store with a vegetable basket frequently in the last few months and had slipped men's heavy damage and in need of food supplies. A boatload of provisions has been sent there from Houston.

Woman Accused of Shoplifting. Mrs. Adley Savidge, 45 years old, of Camden, was held in \$1000 bail today for a further hearing next Wednesday on a charge of larceny preferred by Samuel Cohen, manager of a department store on Ridge avenue near Girard. Cohen alleged, at the hearing in the 19th and Oxford streets police station, that the woman had left a small stand she amply in the Farmers' Market, Ridge and Girard avenues, and gone to his store with a vegetable basket frequently in the last few months and had slipped men's heavy damage and in need of food supplies. A boatload of provisions has been sent there from Houston.

101 KNOWN DEAD IN TEXAS HURRICANE

Continued from Page One. Just opposite Galveston, wired the Houston Chronicle as follows: "I fear the number of dead in Galveston will be large."

"I could not see an elevator on the port side of the city, and my opinion is that the number of buildings destroyed will run into the thousands. I believe the property loss will be greater than that of 1900."

No direct word has been received here today as to the exact conditions in Galveston, and no information regarding the fate of Beaumont, Port Arthur, Sabine, Sabine Pass, or the many other cities in the long stretch of coast line from Sabine Pass to Matagorda Bay, has come out.

The last word from Beaumont came on Monday, to the effect that the population was leaving as rapidly as possible. This was before the full force of the hurricane hit that section.

18 BODIES FOUND BY TRAIN CREW NEAR GALVESTON

SMITHVILLE, Tex., Aug. 18.—The crew of a Santa Fe work train, reaching here from Texas City Junction at noon today, reported the track torn up and that they were unable to proceed further. They say they found 18 bodies at Hitchcock, 20 miles from Galveston.

Several human remains from Market Square, Galveston, were found scattered all the way from Hitchcock to Texas City Junction, they said. The water is reported to be three miles further inland than before, and Galveston was nearly wiped off the map.

TWO KILLED AT BELLAIRE; SEABROOK ANNIHILATED

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 18.—Reports received here from Houston today stated that ten houses were blown down in Bellaire, a suburb of Houston, and that two persons were killed, a carpenter, whose barn fell on him, and a negro who became entangled in a live wire. Practically every big establishment in Houston was badly damaged.

Seabrook, a small town 25 miles from Houston on the bay, was practically annihilated. Texas City also suffered heavy damage and is in need of food supplies. A boatload of provisions has been sent there from Houston.

LAPORTE AND SYLVAN BEACH REPORTED TOTAL WRECKS

WACO, Tex., Aug. 18.—Advices reaching the United Fruit ship Marlowine, from Bellaire, Tex., reported that the vessel was virtually destroyed. J. A. Black, and five members of the Riggs family, of Morgans Point, are said to have been drowned. Only one heavy dam and is in need of food supplies. A boatload of provisions has been sent there from Houston.

SHIP, WITH 62 ON BOARD, OVERDUE AT NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 18.—The United Fruit ship Marlowine, from Bellaire, Tex., with 62 passengers on board, is now two days overdue, and fears were expressed today for her safety.

She was directly in the path of the hurricane, and although five vessels arrived today after passing along her regular path, all reported that they had seen nothing of her.

CHICAGO GRAIN MAN ASKS U. S. TO AID GALVESTON

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—President C. H. Canby, of the Chicago Board of Trade, today sent a telegram to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, appealing to him to make every effort to get some information regarding the fate of Galveston, which is known to have suffered severely in the recent hurricane.

Galveston is one of the chief grain-exporting ports of the United States, and Chicago men have large interests there.

3000 U. S. SOLDIERS IN PATH OF GREAT HURRICANE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—War Department officials were worried today concerning the condition of 3000 soldiers, forming the Fourth Brigade, who have been in camp at Galveston, Tex. No official report of any kind has been received regarding either their condition or the loss of life at Texas City, where the collapse of a building is said to have killed 12 soldiers.

The weather bureau has been unable to get messages from Galveston for nearly 24 hours. The hurricane is said to have tied up all communication, even by wagon.

CLERGYMAN DROWNED IN DELAWARE RAPIDS

Continued from Page One. man at Lambertville, Mr. Moore decided not to try to shoot the rapids, but, although the current was unusually strong, four other members of the party went through safely in two canoes. They are James S. Moore, another member of the clergyman; Harold G. Fellows, James Fellows and John H. Fine, Jr. all of this city.

The clergyman and H. McKnight Moore, Jr., carried their canoe to a point below the entrance to the rapids that they considered safe and launched it. They had paddled only a short distance into the river when the full force of the current struck them, twisted their light craft against a rock and upset it.

The son called to his father to save himself by swimming or floating when he saw him making no effort to keep above the water. The father, however, he caught the older man, who seemed to be in a dazed condition, holding him until he became exhausted. When he released the body, it sank immediately and did not rise again to the surface, from which it is believed that Mr. Moore's heart gave out from the shock.

The party had been camping at various points along the route, but last night its members stayed at the Lambertville House. At 5 o'clock this morning the trip was resumed. Rivermen gathered up the belongings of the clergyman that had been in the canoe, but that did not sink. The body is now in a Trenton undertaker's establishment.

The body then disappeared. Rivermen immediately started a search for it, but it had not been recovered at an early hour this afternoon.

With clerymen of his denomination in this city. One of his friends said today that he had been engaged in some special work for Bishop Philip Mercer Rhineclander, who held him in high regard.

Mrs. Moore is spending the summer at Point Pleasant, N. J. Her husband and their sons were on the canoe trip, which had consumed several days before it was terminated by today's tragedy. She has not yet been apprised of her husband's death.

INVESTIGATE WOMAN'S DEATH

Mrs. Schubert Killed by Trolley Car Without Motorman's Knowledge

An inquiry was begun today by the Coroner of Delaware County to explain the manner in which Mrs. Mary Schubert, of 1930 Oxford street, this city, was struck by a trolley car on the Chester short line at Darby Creek and killed without the knowledge of the crew of the trolley car until her mangled body was found some time later.

Mrs. Schubert went to Eslington yesterday afternoon to look after her household property. After arranging for the tenants for certain repairs, she left for the car. It had become dark. She waited at the point where the trolley tracks cross the street, and she saw the northbound car. The motorman evidently did not see her. Mrs. Schubert, it is thought, stepped upon the track to signal the man.

MARY PHAGAN'S MOTHER GLAD FRANK WAS KILLED

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 18.—Mrs. J. W. Coleman, mother of Mary Phagan, today made her first statement on the lynching of Leo Frank. "It's all over, and I'm perfectly satisfied with the manner in which it ended," she said as she sat in her home in Bellwood avenue, the home from which her daughter went forth to her death in the penal factory.

"I hope I never will hear that name again (Frank's). I hope this will be the last of it. He was sent to the prison farm by one man, but this taking away the wish to see with a vengeance, and all I have to say, only that I'm glad the end has arrived and there will be no more of this terrible affair."

4000 to 6000 People Are Bitten By Unmuzzled Dogs Every Year in New York City

A startling bit of news, particularly when one is further informed that 300 to 500 of the bites are inflicted by dogs suffering from hydrophobia.

How Household Pets Endanger Your Life

By Woods Hutchinson, A. M., M. D.

which appears in Sunday's Public Ledger, does not advocate a wholesale slaughter of cats and dogs as a preventative. Doctor Hutchinson does, however, argue strongly for muzzling laws and other municipal regulations that would stamp out all possibilities of this dreaded disease. The views of this article, while far from oversentimental, are in full accord with those of modern humane workers and experts in public hygiene and sanitation.

Look for it in the Magazine Section of the Sunday, August 22d

PUBLIC LEADER

RAILROAD BLACKSMITHS IN SESSION

The 23rd annual convention of the International Railroad Master Blacksmiths' Association was resumed today in the Hotel Walton. Two hundred railroad blacksmiths from all parts of the United States are attending. The convention will continue until tomorrow night. A banquet will bring the convalescence to a close.

DEFEAT NOT ADMITTED

No confirmation of the capture of Torreón can be obtained at Villa headquarters in Juarez, but Villa has commended all the passenger trains running south from Juarez and is rushing troops toward Torreón.

Villa garrisons in the cities of Minaca, San Andrés and Madora, three important mining and lumber centers in western Chihuahua, have revolted against the northern leader. This gives Carranza almost complete control of all territory along the northwestern railway from Juarez to Chihuahua, nearly 400 miles.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The El Paso report of the fall of Torreón this afternoon strengthened the belief in diplomatic circles that General Carranza will reject the appeal of the United States and Latin America for a compromise peace conference with Villa, Zapata and other faction leaders and will demand recognition for himself as head of the Mexican Government. If Carranza has had in mind such action—and nearly every one that has studied his actions since Carranza believe he has—his latest success must have strengthened his resolution.

Officials of the Carranza agency here said that Carranza has decided personally to address each of the Latin-American envoys at Secretary Lansing and endeavor to secure recognition by them. He will send a joint note signed by his generals and State Governors, in which he requests recognition of Carranza as head of the existing Constitutional Government should be recognized.

MAY GRANT AMNESTY

It is expected that this note will express a willingness on the part of Carranza to grant amnesty to all his enemies excepting those who have been proven guilty of participation in the movement that resulted in Madero's murder.

War Department reports from the Texas border today said that conditions are improving.

NO WORD FROM VERA CRUZ

Communication with Vera Cruz and Mexico City is interrupted. Secretary of State Lansing said today that he has not received any direct word from either city since yesterday. He is trying to get into communication, by wireless, with the battleship New Hampshire from the Key West naval station.

MEXICAN SOLDIERS KILLED FOR PLOT AGAINST LEADER

NOGALES, Ariz., Aug. 18.—Several Villista soldiers in the garrison at Nogales, Sonora, just across the border, were executed at dawn, being charged with complicity in an attempt to assassinate Governor Jose Maytorena. Captain Rojas, the cable from Vera Cruz runs via Galveston, and communication with the Texas city has been interrupted for 48 hours.

DEMENTED MAN CUTS THROAT

Prays All Night in Cell, Then Uses Penknife

CHESTER, Pa., Aug. 18.—After praying all night in his cell at City Hall, Patrick Sullivan, 35, cut his throat with a penknife today. He was removed to the Chester Hospital in a serious condition.

Sullivan recently became demented and yesterday arrested while standing in a busy street praying.